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USDA TO CONDUCT SURVEY ON FARM LAND VALUES

[Springfield, Illinois] – In late May, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin surveying farmers in Illinois and across the U.S. to estimate the value of agricultural land. The survey will be used to determine the average value per acre of all farmland, cropland and pastureland.

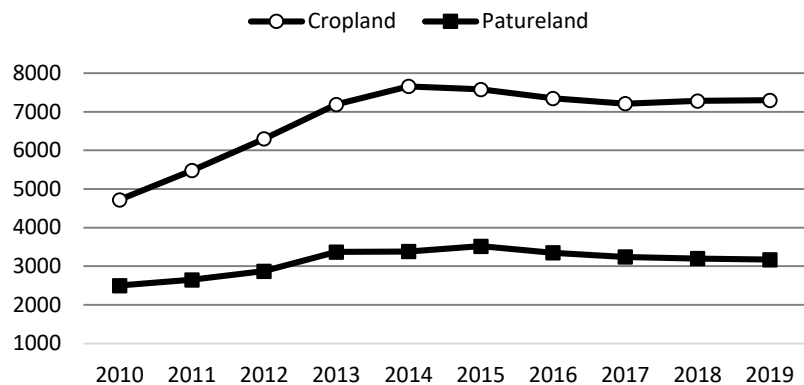
"The survey will be mailed to farmers near the end of May.

Farmers may return the survey by mail or online," said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. The USDA encourages farmers to respond online at the website

www.agcounts.usda.gov, as it is

secure, efficient and saves costs. "This annual survey provides valuable information about land values to farmers and rural communities," added Schleusener. Farmers may be contacted by phone during June if they have not returned their survey by mail or online.

Illinois Farmland Values - \$/Acre



"This survey shows that cropland values in Illinois peaked in 2014 and have declined very modestly since then," Schleusener explained. "Pastureland values peaked in 2015."

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. Results will be published in the **Agricultural Land Values** report, to be released Thursday, August 6, 2020, available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

For more information call the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at 800-551-1014.

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